

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Mitsuru MAEDA et al.)	Confirmation No.: 1465
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Application No.: 10/561,916)	Group Art Unit: 1655
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)	Examiner: Patricia A. Leith
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Filed: March 23, 2007)	
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For: COMPOSITION FOR EXTERNAL USE)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT & AMENDMENTS

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This paper responds to the Supplemental Office Action mailed February 3, 2009, which set forth a restriction/election requirement. The present response is timely filed on or before March 5, 2009.

The Office earlier issued an Office Action on January 7, 2009, which set forth the same requirement for restriction/election. The January 7th Office Action, however, did not set a deadline for response. According to the Office Action Summary, the deadline for response to the January 7th Office Action is on or before July 7, 2009. The Office did not vacate the January 7th Office Action, when it issued the Supplemental Office Action. Nevertheless, the present paper is believed to respond fully to both requirements. Clarification of the record is requested.

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